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Birkhoelzer et al.

GROUP ART UNIT: 3714

SERIAL NO.:

09/994,309

EXAMINER: John Sotomayor

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TITLE: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING AN INDIVIDUALLY ADAPTED, NON-PREFABRICATED TRAINING UNIT"

RESPONSE TO THE AUGUST 20, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the final rejection dated August 20, 2003, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the references relied upon by the Examiner in the final rejection. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 20, 2003, the previous rejection of claims 1-4, as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Cook et al., was maintained.

In response to that rejection when made in the March 24, 2003 Office Action, Applicants argued (in a response filed July 28, 2003) that the Cook et al. reference does not disclose formulating a customized training program that is composed of a number of previously stored training modules. In response, the Examiner cited column 5, lines 54-65 of the Cook et al. reference, which the Examiner stated provides a teaching that new training modules can be composed from previously